

Amendments to the Specification

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Abstract

IL1A or a gene located near *IL1A* on chromosome 2q14 may contribute to hepatotoxicity, as measured by increased serum levels of aspartate transaminase, during N-benzoyl-staurosporine treatment for macular edema. Accordingly, genetic polymorphisms in the *IL1A* gene are useful as biomarkers for predicting staurosporine derivative-mediated hepatotoxicity.